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A GAIN OF
76,948
WORLDS PER DAY.

The Most Remarkable Showing
in the History of Journalism.

A Steady and Healthy Growth.

Total number of Worlds
printed during June,
1892.....11,657,516

During June, 1891.....9,349,040

Increase.....2,308,476

Average number of
Worlds printed per
day in June, 1892.....388,583

Average number of
Worlds printed per
day in June, 1891.....311,635

Total gain per day
in one year.....76,948

June Advertising:

Total number of adver-
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The World during
June, 1892.....74,924

Same month last year.....60,760

Gain.....14,164

The Evening World Prints Asso-
ciated Press News.

Mid-July is giving points on sustained
temperatures to its lately departed sister,
early June.

The word from Halifax, of Cardinal
Gibson's improving health, is good news
regardless of church lines.

So Mr. PLATT objects to Sunday poli-
tics. Is it to be inferred, then, that poli-
tics has ceased to be his religion?

"BILLY McGUIRE's" brother looked up,
and Billy has long been so. Much restraint sits becomingly on this
illustrious family.

A temporary dictatorship is proposed
for the cholera-stricken districts in Rus-
sia. It looks as if the plague had already
established such an one.

The news in THE EVENING WORLD is
real news and the Home Department is a
real home department. Take THE EVEN-
ING WORLD home with you.

Gov. FLOWER was not allowed to rest
on Sunday, even at Coney Island. Why
couldn't the politicians give the sad sea
waves a show for the Governor's ear, just
as he?

Under the gaze of a couple of intrepid
reporters HUGH O'DONNELL departed from
Homedale on a mysterious mission, and
not one of the corps is able to say where
he is gone. It was a masterly escape.

An alleged murderer, strung up twice
by a mob in California, still refused to
confess. But why should this excite
wonder when it was a sure thing that if
he did confess he would be hauled up to
pay?

A statesman at Newburg who made
provision for his funeral while in good
health, died within a week. There is no
knowing how long he might have lived if
he had let the funeral arrangements
wait.

All ocean travellers will be glad to
know that the authority of the officers of
the Atlantic, that there was no reason
for the delay in the Atlantic. Ocean
travellers should be forewarned, as especially
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passenger by the sneezing. Of course
he struck a telegraph pole and is laid up
in the hospital, but his sense of politi-
cians is unimpaired. The telegraph pole
was not injured.

Capt. ANDREWS is due to start for Spain
tomorrow in a fourteen-foot dory. Old
Nepenthe may or may not humor the cap-
tain in his impudent folly. But what
will he have gained for mankind or the
world, even should the trip be success-
fully made? Does it pay to run such
risk for the vainglory there is in it?

"POLITICIANS."
The worthy pastor of the Reformed
Church at Newark, who preached the
sermon yesterday before the American
Institute of Christian Philosophy, now in
session at Port Richmond, Staten Island,
has evidently but little hope of the
success of missionary work among the
politicians.

"Imagine a more difficult thing than
the conversion of a politician," said the
reverend orator. "A politician serves
only as far as he can, without offend-
ing the devil."
As the text taken for this sermon was
that beautiful model of humility, depen-
dence and supplication, the Lord's Prayer,
whose words breathe the true spirit of
toleration and charity, it might well have
induced a more lenient view of the trea-
son of politicians.

The indiscriminate assailants of politi-
cians are generally those who know
nothing about them and are misled by the
arrogant conclusion that all who interest
themselves in politics must necessarily be
low, degraded, unscrupulous and dis-
honest. Such ideas are founded on igno-
rance and prejudice.

A good citizen must necessarily in-
terest himself in politics otherwise he is
incapable of doing his duty as a citizen.
If every upright, intelligent American,
including the reverend Staten Island
preacher, would make up his mind to be
a politician and do his duty honestly and
faithfully, it would be better for the
country. There would be as little neces-
sity for the "conversion of politicians,"
as such, as there is for the conversion of
ministers of the gospel.

A DECIDED SUCCESS.
THE EVENING WORLD congratulates the
President of the Park Department and
his associates Commissioners on the great
success of their "experimental evening
concert" in East River Park last
Thursday evening. The large attend-
ance, the delight of the people, the
good order observed, all gave evidence of
popular endorsement of the experiment of
which the Park Commission may well
be proud.

THE EVENING WORLD also congratu-
lates the President and his associates on
the correction of the error into which
they had fallen regarding the contracts
of Bandmaster HALL, and his inability to
play in the evening instead of the after-
noon. Mr. HALL has generously an-
nounced his willingness to give evening
concerts for the remainder of the season,
in spite of his contract for afternoon con-
certs, and notwithstanding the fact that
the change would put him to some incon-
venience.

Under these circumstances it is to be
hoped, and can scarcely be doubted, that
the Park Commissioners will respond
favorably to the petition of the people
that the evening concerts be continued.

THE POINT AT ISSUE.

The new attempt of the Vanderbilt
railroad corporations to induce Gen.
Amos B. Board to rejoin in favor of aban-
doning the work of improving the Harlem
river in order to aid the attempt to re-
join the river has aroused an indignant
opposition in the upper wards of the city.
The money already invested by the
Government in the improvement, the
splendid work already done, the large
sums expended by individuals and by the
city in piers along the lower Harlem and
in the acquisition of title in the lands
required for the improvement; the ex-
penditure of the plans for the new docks and
piers and the vast increase promised to
the commerce of the city, will of course
go far to defeat the proposition to rob the
city of the natural advantage she enjoys
from the intersecting river.

But one single point ought to suffice to
convince the National Engineering Board
of the outrageous character of the Van-
derbilt scheme. The completion of the
Harlem improvement will secure to the
cityship navigation between the East
River and the North River with all its
great advantages, and at the same time
will leave the land traffic to the north
just as free from obstruction or delay, by
way of the high bridges over the Harlem,
as if the river were to be confiscated and
filled up.

The abandonment of the improvement
and the filling up of the river will give
the city no better nor more efficient
means of land traffic than it will enjoy
when the high bridges are built, and at
the same time will cut off and deprive the
city forever of all the vast advantages of
water commerce which the improvement
will secure.

Can there be any doubt as to what the
decision will be?

A CUSTOM-HOUSE MYSTERY.

It is not easy to understand on what
ground the Government can justify the
seizure of smuggled goods of the jewelry
store to have been stolen by the negro
CARLOS WIGGINS in Venezuela and
brought here by him on the steamship
Philadelphia last Friday. A cable de-
patch caused the arrest of the negro and
the jewels were found concealed on his
person.

If the property was stolen, its rightful
owner is entitled to its return. There
could have been no attempt or intention
on the part of its owner to bring it here
as smuggled goods and to avoid the pay-
ment of duties. The only circumstances
under which its seizure would be war-
ranted would be on proof that the rightful
owner of the jewelry sent it over here by
the negro in order that the latter might
smuggle it through the Custom-House.
The cable information of the robbery
seems on its face to dispose of that sup-
position.

It is scarcely possible that the
Custom-House officials have announced
last Saturday, as reported, that "as the

jewelry has been confiscated, that settles
the matter for good and all." If, as some
one has suggested, the negro was em-
ployed to smuggle the jewelry into the
United States for its owner, a Venezuelan
rebel, and the Venezuelan Government
desires to get it back to confiscate it, all
that could be legally done would be to
detain the jewelry until the facts could
be shown.

It would be a singular law if a person,
robbed of valuable property abroad and
recovering it by the arrest of the thief at
this port should not only lose it again by
its confiscation as smuggled goods here,
but should be liable to prosecution for
smuggling if he came to New York to re-
cover what belonged to him.

A SKIPPER'S STORY.

Here he is again! It is some time since
we last heard of him, though his visits
used to be frequent a few years ago. In
appearance he has not changed a bit. It
is easy to recognize him. About fifty feet
in length and four in circumference,
head large and terrible looking, vicious
sparking eyes, brown scales, variegated
like a snake, and monster fins and tail
with which to lash the waters into fury
and raise a storm to order.

Yes, it is the veritable sea serpent him-
self, although met with in the fresh
waters of Lake Erie, and the captain of
the schooner Madeline Dowling, who
saw him with his own eyes, vouches that
he is the genuine article. At first he was
"thrashing about in the waters, as if
fighting an unseen enemy," and after the
thrashing he "disported himself on the
surface of the lake."

The captain fails to say at what hour of
the day he encountered the great sea ser-
pent, whether it was before or after
"bowing the job." But details are im-
material. No one can doubt the testi-
mony of the captain's own eyes. "For he
himself has said it," and it is a ridiculous
exhibition of professional jealousy for
other lake navigators who have heard the
story to insinuate that so large a snake
could have been in the gallant skipper's
boots and not in Lake Erie.

WERE THEY CONTRACT LABORERS?

There is a rumor that about one hun-
dred contract laborers arrived at Phila-
delphia on the steamer Switzerland last
Wednesday and were shipped by the
Pennsylvania Railroad to Homestead.

The story lacks confirmation. The
chief officer of the Switzerland denies that
there was any large body of Belgian
workmen on board. The Deputy Sur-
veyor, who was with the Custom-House
inspectors when the passengers were
landed, says he noticed the striking ap-
pearance of the men and the fact
that they were all destined for the same
point near the scene of the labor troubles.
It is said that the Amalgamated Associa-
tion received information that the con-
tract laborers were coming, but too late
to intercept their landing.

There is a Contract Labor Inspector at
Philadelphia. He was absent from the
dock when the Switzerland arrived, and
the men were allowed to land without
being questioned. Of what use are the
Contract Labor laws if they are not en-
forced?

FAIRLY ECONOMICAL.

The session is about to close and the
present Congress will have the credit of
having reduced the expenditures by a
good sum below those of the notorious
Billion Dollar Congress in the face of the
most adverse circumstances.

First, the present Congress had a de-
ficiency of \$14,500,000 to meet. Next, the
legislation of the Fifty-first Congress had
made certain heavy appropriations this
year unavoidable, notably those for the
sugar bounty and the mail subsidy.
Again, the Senate made a concerted and
obstinate effort to increase every appro-
priation bill in order to swell the expendi-
tures, and in many instances the House
was forced to give way or to block the
wheels of Government.

Notwithstanding all this, the appropri-
ations have been fairly kept under. If
the House had been less liberal with the
general "divvy" under the River and
harbor bill, the record of the first session
of the Fifty-second Congress would have
been even better than it is.

Blackwell's Island Penitentiary has
served at least one man a good turn. Its
books proving that the political fellow
was serving a term there at a particular
time efforts to connect him with a burglar,
happening just at that time have failed.
But existing prison records is, after all,
a questionable method of establishing an
alibi.

It is alleged that a Chinese gambler put
\$5 into a mission box in Mott street
thinking he was paying for police protec-
tion. This supplying funds to aid in the
conversion of his fellow-brothers is almost
like treason unworthy to old Congressmen.
The shades of the Celestial philosopher
may yet rise to rebuke the careless
traveller.

It is often complained that the Chinese
do not assimilate with the rest of this
country's population. Yet on the appear-
ance of a most encouraging symptom, the
substitution of American poker for
Chinese fan-tan. New York's finest police
city and raid the game. Is this con-
sistency?

Anarchists may fume over RAVACHOL's
death, but as it came to pass that RAVACHOL
was really and earnestly gunned, it
is likely his followers won't go to pre-
sent far beyond the fuming. One en-
demic "leaching" is sometimes worth
several tons of logic and several armies of
police.

Milk is reported scarce at Asbury Park
and Ocean Grove. With a shortage of
milk shakes and with the Excise law
enforced as Founder BAXTER can enforce
it, a warm Sunday is bound to be weary
and worrisome at these resorts.

New York can get its fair share of fires
without assistance from the automatic in-
fernalism of the photographer's lens.
Union Square had a narrow escape yester-
day.

A concert master who called the Em-
peror WILLIAM a four sack found that he
had put his own head in a bag. He'll
test life in jail for ten days.

PITY THE POOR PETS!

Eight Hundred and Sixty-Two
Children Died Here Last Week.

Of This Number 660 Were Under
One Year.

"The Evening World's" Charity
and Its Work For the Babies.

All letters containing money for the
Sick Baby Fund should be addressed to
the Cashier of the New York World,
Pittsford Building.

Donations of clothing, &c., should be
sent to Mrs. Roberts, 347 West Forty-
sixth street.

THE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Preceding month's total	\$5,235.89
Seventy-fourth Street Fair	44.01
Little Friends	21.91
Evening World Club	15.50
Terrell and Sarah Silverman	10.00
Gertrude de Medina	8.61
David N. Barrow, Jr.	8.50
Magie Lantieri	8.50
W. C. M.	2.00
Employees Herchel & Conner	2.00
David N. Barrow, Jr.	2.00
Daisy Chalmers	2.00
L. D. N.	2.00
Leah	2.00
J. D. C.	2.00
Stebbins	2.00
Mrs. A. W.	2.00
Ernie Liebke	2.00
Me	2.00
Little Russell	2.00
J. C. F.	2.00
M. T. F.	2.00
Mrs. W.	2.00
Rabies' Friend	2.00
Little Frank	2.00
A Christian Endeavor	2.00
Mabel and Howard	2.00
E. Smith	2.00
A friend	2.00
Laura and Eva	2.00
A Brooklyn Friend	2.00
Grassland	2.00
Little Marie	2.00
Marguerite Hanna	2.00
G. W. B.	2.00
Mamie	2.00
Jack Giles	2.00

There are some people who believe that
helping the poor only confirms them in their
pauperism. This is not so of the poor who
are helped by the Sick Baby Fund. There may be
cases where one or both of the parents of
suffering children are drunkards, and where the
giving of any but the barest necessities
would be a temptation to the thir-
tenth father or mother to dis-
pose of the articles of food and clothing
for drink; but in every such case the greatest
discretion is used in extending help, and
while THE EVENING WORLD doctors do not let
the children suffer for want of attention,
medicine and clothes, whatever is given is
surrounded with safeguards that prevents its
being used for other purposes.

The first and foremost object of the Fund is
to minimize the sufferings of the little ones
of the tenements, who sicken and die by hun-
dreds during the hot months. Babies have
nothing to do with making the conditions in
which they enter life and begin their
troubled journey. They are innocent
between creatures whose duties are often
quickly determined by the sins of the parents.
The Fund recognizes this class as having first
claim on its attention. It does its best to
rescue these little ones from the fate
which awaits them, and incidentally its
missionary work hard to reclaim the fathers
and mothers from the folly that is wrecking
their lives. That it succeeds sometimes the
free doctors can testify.

One of the Fund physicians told an EVENING
World reporter yesterday that last summer
he visited a family consisting of father,
mother and two children. The children were
very sick, and the physician arrived just in
time to bring them back to health.
The father was drinking heavily. He
mother, too, had given way in her desper-
ation to like weakness. Both were rated as
"no good" by the neighbors. They had
nothing. The furniture of their little home
was nearly all gone. There was not a cent in
the house. The table was foodless. The
children were in rags. A most stretched ex-
treme for a home one couldn't imagine.

The EVENING WORLD doctor gave medicine
to the children. He also gave them clothing.
He provided food for the family. He spoke in
kindly but earnest words to the drunken
father, bidding him shake off the incubus of
despair and try again to do something for
himself and the around him. He spoke
comfortingly to the wife and put a new gleam
of hope into her heart. Then he went away,
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